

## RC transporters hauling 1AD equipment to Kuwait

Story by Pfc. Erik LeDrew, 122 MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Transportation Soldiers never know where they will be or what they will be hauling from one mission to the next. A load could be from several hundred pounds or to several hundred tons depending upon who wants what where.

"I'm sure I'll see every little nook and cranny of this place before I'm through here," said Spc. Jordan Burritt Scanlan, 227th Transportation Company, out of Albamoro, N.C. "We haul anything and everything to anywhere and everywhere in Iraq."

Just over ten months ago, Scanlan enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. Less than a year later, he finds himself a member of his unit's 30-Soldier "forward detachment." The 227th is almost constantly convoying personnel, equipment and everything else from Kuwait to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Lately, we've also been helping the 1st Armored Division move their stuff down to Kuwait as their tour here wraps up," Scanlan said.

Stateside, the 227th is part of the 81st Regional Readiness Command. The unit is now assigned to 143rd Transportation Command in Iraq.

According to Scanlan, the 227th currently has roughly 150 soldiers, but only 12, are originally from the unit. The rest of the unit's personnel were gathered from the 10 other states that fall under the 81st RRC.

"Since so many of us came from one of the 81st RRC's other states, the only chance we've had to really get to know each other was while we were mobilizing," Scanlan said.

"My unit's mobilization only took about four and a half weeks," said Scanlan. "We flew out of Langley Air Force Base on the 13th of March, right as the sun was going down."

Ever since their plane touched down in Kuwait, Scanlan's unit has been hard at work.

"We drove up to Camp Navistar, on the Kuwait-Iraq border, the same night we arrived in Kuwait and we've been convoying stuff around ever since," said Scanlan. "We really hit the ground running."

Despite being here just under a month, Scanlan's unit has already endured Improvised Explosive Devices and contact with insurgent forces.

"We've had IEDs explode in front of and behind our vehicles, and we've reacted to small arms fire," said Scanlan, "but luckily we haven't had any injuries."

According to Scanlan, his unit's missions last anywhere from eight to 12 days and cover hundreds of miles. The schedule does not leave much time for rest and relaxation.

"We're kind of like transients. We float into a place, stay there for a day or two and then move on to do another mission," he said. "We usually just pull out our cots and sleep right in the staging area of the motor pool at whatever camp our mission takes us to."

Scanlan, who attended Basic Combat Training at Fort



**Spc. Burritt Scanlan, 227th Transportation Company, is one of many Reserve Component Soldiers working in support of Task Force 1st Armored Division. The 227th is hauling 1AD equipment to the ports in Kuwait.**

Benning, Ga., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Bliss, Texas, is the driver for his unit's commanding officer, Maj. Mark Green, also of North Carolina.

Not every mission goes smoothly, he said. Breakdowns are inevitable, especially on longer missions.

"In one trip -- it was about 700 miles -- we changed three tires and two starters right by the side of the road while the others pulled security," he said.

The miles may be long and the roads hazardous and dangerous, but Scanlan and his teammates from the 227th Transportation Company will do what it takes to move the 1st Armored Division's equipment down to Kuwait safely and on time.

"We've got pretty difficult missions over here, the long distances, the high-risks and the short notices," said Scanlan. "Whatever happens though, we're always able to keep the vehicles moving, and that's all it really takes to get the job done."

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## **NEWS...**

### **8 U.S. Troops, 30 Iraqis Die in Fighting**

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. troops battled guerrillas Tuesday on the edge of Fallujah in an operation to crush the insurgency there, as violence inspired by supporters of an anti-American Shiite Muslim cleric again spread to at least four cities, with 30 Iraqis killed. Including casualties Monday and Tuesday, at least 18 American Marines and soldiers and 99 Iraqis have been killed since Sunday. In the same period, a Salvadoran soldier and one from Ukraine also were killed.

### **8 Get Death in U.S. Official's Slaying**

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - Jordan's military court convicted eight Muslim militants Tuesday and sentenced them to death for the 2002 killing of a U.S. aid official in a terror conspiracy linked to al-Qaida. The court also handed down jail terms ranging from six to 15 years for two other men convicted in the conspiracy, which began with the killing of Laurence Foley, 60, an Amman-based administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Foley was gunned down outside his Amman home on Oct. 28, 2002.

### **ACLU to Sue Government Over 'No-Fly' List**

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Civil Liberties Union's officials declined to comment in advance of their planned announcement Tuesday that they would file a class-action lawsuit challenging the list of travelers that the government has barred from flying because they're considered a threat. The civil rights group is representing seven plaintiffs. Airlines are instructed to stop anyone on the "no fly" list that is compiled by the Transportation Security Administration. The ACLU contends, though, that some people are wrongfully put on the list.

### **Seven-Eleven to Open 1st Store in Beijing**

BEIJING (AP) - Seven-Eleven Japan Co. will open its first store in Beijing on April 15, the first of five outlets to begin operations in the Chinese capital before the end of May, the company said Tuesday. The \$70 million effort will be a joint venture between Seven-Eleven Japan, Beijing Shoulian Commerce Group Corp. Ltd. and China National Sugar & Alcohol Group Corp.

## ***Thought for the day...***

### **What if...**

In a hard-fought game against Carlisle Indian School, a soon-to-be-famous West Point cadet's football career came to an abrupt halt when he injured his knee tackling another star athlete named Jim Thorpe.

Had the promising left halfback gone on to a career in professional football, America might never have had a president named... Dwight Eisenhower. *Carlisle won the historic game 26-7.*

## ***In other news...***

### **W.Va. County Overrun by Stray Cats**

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (AP) -- Marion County apparently is being overrun by stray cats. Brenda Leonard, manager of the Marion County Humane Society, said she has no idea how many there are, but the problem is so bad, "I have people who rent cat cages, set them by their house and try to catch them for us."

Leonard said they received 28 cats at the shelter between March 11 and 26.

Fairmont Council member De'Andrea Bussey is proposing owners register their cats and get a license, like dog owners do. The registration fee would go to the humane society's spaying and neutering program.

Sometimes people lose their cats and they can't be identified because they don't have a tag or some form of identification, Bussey said.

The humane society won't let a cat 6 months or older be adopted unless it is spayed or neutered. Sometimes people don't have or don't want to spend the money to have their pet fixed, Bussey said.

"Cats need more than food. They need medical expenses and shots. I know the Humane Society is operating on a shoestring now. They would not be able to financially address the problem. But if we could get all of the cat owners to participate, maybe those who really do take care of their cats could afford a couple dollars for a tag and registration," Bussey said.

Bussey said council has not shown an interest in the idea, but he plans to bring it up again.

### **Ind. Monks Receive \$26 Million Donation**

ST. MEINRAD, Ind. (AP) -- Monks in a monastery here may have a harder time with their vows of poverty now that they've got \$26 million in spending money.

Two women rewarded the hospitality of the Benedictine monks at the St. Meinrad Archabbey by leaving them \$13 million each in their wills, according to Archabbot Lambert Reilly.

"We would consider it an extreme blessing from God," Reilly said. "We would also see it as somehow proof that we do exercise what's supposed to typify us, and that is hospitality."

Both women - Bernice Davey, 90, and Virginia Basso, 91 - had spoken of contributing to the monastery northeast of Evansville. "For them, it was home," Reilly said.

The monastery, which houses about 120 monks, was founded 150 years ago and operates a theology school for men studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood, and lay ministry studies.

It also has a guest house where people can go for religious retreats. Some of the new cash will go toward building a new guest house.

"One of the things we are interested in providing is a more adequate guesthouse," Reilly said. "We are almost overrun with requests for people just to be with us."

## **Today in History...**

### **April 6, 1975 North Vietnamese forces begin preparations for final offensive**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- North Vietnamese forces prepare to launch the "Ho Chi Minh Campaign," designed to set the conditions for a final communist victory in South Vietnam. By this time, well over two-thirds of South Vietnam was under communist control as South Vietnamese forces had fallen back in panic when the North Vietnamese pressed the attack.

The Ho Chi Minh Campaign offensive was the final phase of the North Vietnamese plan to defeat South Vietnam. Despite the imposition of a cease-fire by the terms of the 1973 Paris Peace Accords, fighting had continued between South Vietnamese forces and the North Vietnamese troops left in South Vietnam at the end of the 1972 Easter Offensive. In December 1974, the North Vietnamese launched a major attack against the lightly defended province of Phuoc Long, located north of Saigon along the Cambodian border. They overran the provincial capital at Phuoc Binh on January 6, 1975.

President Richard Nixon had repeatedly promised South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu that the United States would come to the aid of South Vietnam if the North Vietnamese violated the Peace Accords in a major way. However, by the time the communists captured Phuoc Long, Nixon had resigned from office and his successor, Gerald Ford, was unable to convince a hostile Congress to make good on Nixon's promises to Saigon.

This situation emboldened the North Vietnamese, who launched Campaign 275 in March 1975, to capture the provincial capital of Ban Me Thuot (Darlac province) in the Central Highlands. The South Vietnamese defenders fought very poorly and were quickly overwhelmed by the North Vietnamese attackers. The United States did nothing. Stunned by the lack of response from Washington, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered his forces in the Highlands to withdraw to more defensible positions to the south. What started out as a reasonably orderly withdrawal soon degenerated into a panic that spread throughout the South Vietnamese armed forces. They abandoned Pleiku and Kontum with very little fighting and the North Vietnamese pressed the attack from the west and north. In quick succession, Quang Tri, Hue, and Da Nang in the north fell to the communist onslaught. The North Vietnamese continued to attack south along the coast, defeating the South Vietnamese forces at each encounter.

As the North Vietnamese forces closed on the approaches to Saigon, the politburo in Hanoi issued an order to Gen. Van Tien Dung to launch the Ho Chi Minh Campaign, the final assault on Saigon itself. Dung ordered his forces into position for the final battle. The South Vietnamese 18th Division made a valiant final stand at Xuan Loc, 40 miles northeast of Saigon, in which the South Vietnamese soldiers destroyed three of Dung's divisions. After a week, however, the South Vietnamese succumbed to the North Vietnamese. By April 27, the North Vietnamese had completely encircled Saigon and began to maneuver for their final assault. By the morning of April 30, it was all over. When the North Vietnamese tanks broke through the gates of the Presidential Palace in Saigon, the South Vietnamese surrendered. The Vietnam War was over.



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The following are upcoming Presidential and State Primaries:

**April:** Pennsylvania

**May:** Indiana, North Carolina, Nebraska, West Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Oregon, Idaho

**June:** Alabama, New Mexico, S. Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, S. Carolina, Virginia, Utah

**July:** Georgia, Oklahoma

**August:** Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida

**September:** Guam, Arizona, Nevada, Delaware, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Massachusetts,

Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Louisiana

**November:** American Samoa, **2004 GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 2)**

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	THE HOT LIST			ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		00:00
00:15		HEADLINE NEWS				00:15
00:30	THE HOT LIST			HEADLINE NEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	00:30
00:45		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):				00:45
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		INSPECTOR GADGET	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION					01:30
01:45		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:45
02:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30			EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
02:45		ESPNEWS				02:45
03:00		4 QTRS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - MATADI OR BUST	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA - TORONTO RAPTORS @ CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA FINAL FOUR SPECIAL	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER ALONE	BLUE'S CLUES - UN DIA CON PLUM!	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30		WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: TENNESSEE VS UCONN	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - DENISE GETS AN OPINION	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		04:30
05:00			ALLY MCBEAL (TV14): - MR. BO	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00	NBA - PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS		STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - TAPESTRY	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - SURVIVAL TECH, SPACE TECH, EXPLOSIVES	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - SECRET WEAPONS OF THE THIRD REICH	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		08:25
08:30	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	BULL DURHAM		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		09:13
09:30	ESPNEWS					09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - UN DIA CON PLUM!		BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - HELP	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		TEAMO SUPREMO (TVY): - AND THEN THERE WERE TWO/WHO INVITED THE BIRTHDAY BANDIT?		10:30
11:00	NHRA AUTO RACING - SUMMITRACING.COM NATIONALS: FINALS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - MATADI OR BUST	A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TVY7): - ROBOT	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER ALONE	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - DENISE GETS AN OPINION	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
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13:00	SPORTSCENTER		AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	ESPNEWS	CNN DAYBREAK	13:00
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14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		BERNIE MAC SHOW, THE (TVPG): - ROAD TO TRADITION		14:30
15:00		TODAY	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - SURVIVAL TECH, SPACE TECH, EXPLOSIVES	AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (TVPG): - THE GIRL WHOSE LIPS PUFFED UP	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - SECRET WEAPONS OF THE THIRD REICH	THE OC (TVPG): - THE LINKS		16:00
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23:30				CINEMA SECRETS (TVG): - FANTASY WORLDS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30